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WEEKLY REVIEW OF LEGISLATURE AND LEGISLATORS AND SOME COMMENT

What a delightful sense of proportion our legislature seems to possess! Not long ago a fish and game bill, revising a part of the present code, was sent in by those most vitally affected by fish and game legislation. Hunters, members of duck clubs and game wardens got together and agreed upon amendments to the present law. Their bill went into committee and all who were interested were invited to attend meetings and air their views. The meetings stretched over several nights and volumes of oratory were put over. No other one subject engaged quite as much attention as the fish and game laws.

Following is a clipping from the Tribune on the fish and game bill:

Some of the bills that were expected to give a deal of trouble have been safely and expeditiously disposed of. Notable among this number was the fish and game bill. Every legislature from the beginning has wrestled days and weeks with the fish and game bill. This year the house and senate committees put in long nights in considering the bill and when it came into the house last week it had been numerously and voluminously amended, but it stood the test and was passed within two hours.

How sharply in contrast is this state of affairs to the decisions of the senate committee that discussion of the employers' liability bill be limited. Chairman W. Mont Ferry announced that last Monday night would be set aside for the discussion of the employers' liability act. The Herald-Republic describes it thus:

When the public hearing is held before the joint legislative committee in the senate chamber Monday night to consider employers' liability and workingmen's compensation legislation, the three interests involved will present their arguments. But Chairman W. Mont Ferry and other members of the committee have decided upon a program for this to do away with the usual repetitions and useless talk that frequently drowns the pith of these hearings.

The human race is thoughtless of itself at times. Here we find a legislature spending great quantities of time protecting the lives of fish and game, thereby making the sport good for the hunter, and deciding that the insignificant pastime of protecting human life, or properly compensating human beings for energy expended, is too trivial a matter to engage more than passing attention. This is the lawmaking body of the old school which legislates most effectually to encourage the propagation of finer domestic animals, but spurns an opportunity to legislate in the interest of the human race.

The Hansen bill providing prison sentences for all persons convicted of speaking in derogatory terms of a bank was up before the house. If

this idea were written into law, a man would be branded a felon for giving circulation to a rumor that Seandso's bank was about to go kerflummix. Sam Page, the Phite punster, suggested that any one who speaks ill of another be included in the terms of the bill and this magnified the ridiculous side of Hansen's idea to such proportions that the house killed the measure.

The minimum wage law for women which was prepared some time ago by Dr. Jane Skolfield in the house has undergone a radical revision. A committee of manufacturers, merchants and laundry proprietors has agreed upon a scale of wages to be paid women. This is submitted as a substitute for the Skolfield bill. It divides women into three classes: Experienced, apprentices and minors. Experienced women cannot be paid less than \$7.50 per week, apprentices not less than \$6 a week and minors—girls between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years—not less than \$4.50. It is argued that most girls in the minor class live at home and can survive upon this stipend. To pass the apprenticeship stage, a girl must have served a year at her occupation. The supervision of the law is to be placed under the commissioner of labor and statistics.

T. E. Browning, sergeant at arms of the lower house, disclaims authorship of the clumsy letter which reached the theatres a fortnight ago demanding tickets for all officers of the house. The Weekly printed the letter for its face value and did not attempt to fasten upon Mr. Browning the responsibility for it. Browning used to be chief of police in Ogden and prior to that time, in his earlier and more active days, he was a printer. Somehow, he trained his sleuth-like eye and his typographical sense upon the chase of the culprit. He says he has wrung from N. L. Sheffield, a third or fourth assistant doorkeeper of the house, a confession. Sheffield, according to Browning, wrote the letter demanding pasteboards of the theatres, and then confessed when his creation had been given proper publicity. We don't pretend to say that Browning did or didn't write the letter. He says Sheffield did it.

Sheffield is an old-time politician. He hails from Wayne county where he has held such positions as chairman of the Republican county committee and state committeeman for his county. He has been regarded as a power in the community, but it is doubtless just such tricks as the attempt to graft theatre tickets that landed other and better men in his place. The best he seems able to get out of his political pull nowadays is

an assistant watcher of the cloakroom door.

The advocates of the commission form of government are getting busy to stem the tide of criticism against the present system as exemplified by the Salt Lake experiment. Representative Barnes of Salt Lake and Senator Craig of Weber had presented bills on this matter, and only this week the ideas incorporated in both measures, supported by some newer wrinkles, were included in a bill offered by the house committee on municipal corporations. The proposed law restores veto power to the mayor, makes representation on the board of commissioners by municipal subdivision instead of at large, and makes the mayor elected at large. Commissioners whose terms expire with the current year are not affected, but those who were elected for four years would be legislated out of office. The city attorney, treasurer and auditor are to be elected, instead of appointed.

The people are given the privilege of passing upon franchise ordinances and there are many other features which have been tried elsewhere un-

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der the commission form. While all of this discussion is taking place in the house, the city officials are busy publishing their annual reports which are calculated to do sufficient press agenting to give the system a boost. At Pocatello, Tuesday, the commission form of government was defeated by a decisive vote after a short experiment.

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